

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7509–S7581

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1457, and S. Res. 211. **Page S7555**

Measures Reported:

S. 475, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to guarantee the equity of spouses of military personnel with regard to matters of residency. (S. Rept. No. 111–46)

S. 1005, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–47) **Page S7555**

Measures Passed:

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 509, to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7573**

National Life Insurance Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 211, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month". **Pages S7573–74**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7509–50**

Withdrawn:

Levin/McCain Amendment No. 1469, to strike \$1,750,000,000 in Procurement, Air Force funding for F–22A aircraft procurement, and to restore operation and maintenance, military personnel, and other

funding in divisions A and B that was reduced in order to authorize such appropriation. **Page S7509**

Pending:

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511, to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes. **Page S7509**

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Reid (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 1539 (to Amendment No. 1511), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials. **Page S7510**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 1511 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 17, 2009. **Page S7510**

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 16, 2009. **Page S7574**

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Appointments:

HELP Committee Appointment: The Majority Leader, under the order of May 5, 2009, and under the auspices of S. Res. 18, made a temporary appointment of Senator Whitehouse to serve on the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, while retaining the authority to make a permanent appointment to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The Majority Leader, announced that as of Wednesday, July 15, 2009, Senator Franken be appointed to serve on a permanent basis to the slot that was occupied by Senator Whitehouse. **Page S7543**

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 111–21, announced the joint appointment of Phil Angelides of California to serve as Chairman of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. **Page S7574**

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to

Public Law 111–21, appointed the following to serve as members of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

The Honorable Bob Graham of Florida, Heather Murren of Nevada, and Byron Georgiou of Nevada.

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Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 111–21, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission:

Keith Hennessey of Virginia, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin of Virginia.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Charles F. Bolden, Jr., of Texas, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Lori Garver, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard Serino, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Messages from the House: **Page S7554**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7574.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

REGULATING HEDGE FUNDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment concluded a hearing to examine the regulation of hedge funds and other private investment pools, after receiving testimony from Andrew J. Donohue, Director, Division of Investment Management, United States Securities and Exchange Commission; Dinakar Singh, TPG-Axon Capital, on behalf of Managed Funds Association, James Chanos, Coalition of Private Investment Companies, and Richard Bookstaber, all of New York, New York; Trevor Loy, Flywheel Ventures, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Mark Tresnowski, Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Private Equity Council; and Joseph A. Dear, California Public Employees' Retirement System, Sacramento.

CELL PHONES IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the public safety impact of contraband cell phones in correctional facilities, including S. 251, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to permit targeted interference with mobile radio services within prison facilities, after receiving testimony from former Representative Steve Largent, Washington, D.C., on behalf of CITA—The Wireless Association; Texas State Senator John Whitmire, Houston; Gary D. Maynard, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary, Towson; John M. Moriarty, Texas Department of Criminal Justice Inspector General, Austin; and Richard A. Mirgon, Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International, Carson City, Nevada.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, who was introduced by Senators Graham and DeMint, and Meredith Attwell Baker, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 227, to establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in Auburn, New York, and

the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties, Maryland, S. 625, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, S. 853, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1053, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date, S. 1117, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in implementing cultural heritage, conservation, and recreational activities in the Connecticut River watershed of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, S. 1168 and H.R. 1694, bills to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, and H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, after receiving testimony from Senator Cardin; Katherine H. Stevenson, Acting Deputy Director, Support Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Sharon F. Francis, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Charlestown, New Hampshire; and Mara Farrell, Fishkill Historical Focus, Fishkill, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “The Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2009”; and

The nominations of Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator, and Craig E. Hooks, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vilma S. Martinez, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina, who was introduced by Senator Boxer and Representative Becerra, Nicole A. Avant, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Vinai K. Thummalappally, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, and John R. Nay, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State.

MARITIME DISPUTES AND SOVEREIGNTY ISSUES IN EAST ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine maritime disputes and sovereignty issues in East Asia, after receiving testimony from Scot

Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Robert Scher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, and Peter Dutton, Associate Professor of Strategic Studies, China Maritime Studies Institute, United States Naval War College, both of the Department of Defense; and Dan Blumenthal, American Enterprise Institute, and Richard P. Cronin, The Stimson Center, both of Washington, D.C.

REAL ID ACT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the REAL ID Act, focusing on identification security, including S. 1261, to repeal title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and amend title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to better protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personally identifiable information collected by States when issuing driver’s licenses and identification documents, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, and Stewart Baker, former Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, Montpelier, and David Quam, Washington, D.C., both of the National Governors Association; Leroy D. Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff, Los Angeles, California; and Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “Affordable Health Choices Act”.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

Hearings recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1415, to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to ensure that absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters are aware of their voting rights and have a genuine opportunity to register to vote and have their absentee ballots cast and counted, with amendments.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee began mark up of an original bill to authorize appropriations for

fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, but

did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, July 16, 2009.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3219–3229; 2 resolutions, H. Res. 649–650 were introduced. **Pages H8183–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8184–85**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Altmire to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8103**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Gary Hashley, Calvary Memorial Church, Gering, Nebraska. **Page H8103**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Gingrey motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 23 yeas to 361 nays, Roll No. 537. **Pages H8106–07**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, July 14th:

Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 1044, amended, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 540; **Page H8115**

Conveying certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: H.R. 934, amended, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 541; and **Pages H8115–16**

Validating final patent number 27–2005–0081: H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27–2005–0081, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 542. **Pages H8116–17**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 3183, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2010. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 16th. **Pages H8107–15, S8117–59**

Agreed to:

Wamp amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that transfers \$14 million from Corps of Engineers Expenses to Corps of Engineers Construction; **Pages H8135–36**

Costa amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that increases funding for the California Bay-Delta Restoration Program by \$10 million and decreases funding for the Bureau of Reclamation Office of the Commissioner by \$10 million; **Page H8137**

Cardoza amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that facilitates water transfers within the Central Valley Project and also transfers from outside the Central Valley Project; **Pages H8137–38**

Pastor manager amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that reduces the appropriation for the Corps of Engineers Expenses by \$9 million; adds \$1.8 million to the Regulatory account for the Army Corps of Engineers to help address the chronic backlog of project applications, offset by cutting the Corps of Engineers Expenses; adds \$45 million for the Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, and Infrastructure Technologies program. The increase is offset by a \$30 million reduction for Departmental Administration in the Department of Energy and a \$15 million reduction for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. The amendment increases funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission by \$2.5 million, offset by a \$2.5 million reduction to Other Defense Activities. The amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used to purchase light bulbs unless they have the “Energy Star” or “Federal Energy Management Program” designation. Finally, the amendment prohibits any funds in the bill from being used to purchase passenger motor vehicles unless they are purchased from Ford, GM, or Chrysler (by a recorded vote of 261 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 543); **Pages H8133–34, S8143–44**

Connolly amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that provides \$7 million for the Chesapeake Bay Oyster Restoration program run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enhance water quality and fisheries productivity in the bay, offset

by a reduction in funding for Army Corps of Engineers Expenses (by a recorded vote of 362 ayes to 69 noes, Roll No. 544); **Pages H8134–35, S8144**

Hastings (WA) amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that makes available \$5 million from the Bureau of Reclamation Water and Related Resources account to begin installing hydroelectric facilities identified in a report authorized under the Energy and Policy Act of 2005 at Bureau of Reclamation dams. The revision corrects a technical reference to “Power Program Services” within the Water and Related Resources account (by a recorded vote of 432 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 545); **Pages H8136–37, S8144–45**

Boren amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that increases by \$5 million funding for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy account to be utilized in the EERE Vehicles Technologies, Fuels Technology program for Natural Gas Vehicle Research Development and Demonstration, offset by a reduction in funds for the Department of Energy Departmental Administration account for general expenses (by a recorded vote of 429 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 546); and **Pages H8138–40, S8145–46**

Miller (MI) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that increases the Water Power Program in Energy and Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$10 million, its FY2009 enacted level, offset by a reduction in funds to the D.O.E.’s departmental administration by the same amount (by a recorded vote of 431 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 547). **Pages H8140–41, S8146–47**

Proceedings Postponed:

Heinrich amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to allow national security laboratories to dedicate an additional 1% (total of 7%) of each lab’s annual budget to Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD). LDRD allows laboratories to pursue high-risk, high-reward research and develop innovative technologies to support energy and homeland security priorities; **Pages H8141–42**

Cao amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to reduce the time between preparation of reports and submissions to Congress from 90 days to 60 days; **Page H8142**

Blackburn amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to make an across-the-board cut of 5% to all funding accounts in the bill; **Pages H8142–43**

Campbell amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike the \$1,000,000 earmark for the Housatonic River Net-Zero Energy Building and reduce the overall cost of the bill by \$1,000,000; **Pages H8147–48**

Flake amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$1.5 million in funding for the “Maret Center” and reduce the overall cost of the bill; **Pages H8148–49**

Flake amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$1 million in funding for the “Consortium for Plant Biotechnology Research” and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount; **Pages H8149–50**

Flake amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$500,000 in funding for “Ethanol from Agriculture” and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount; **Pages H8151–52**

Flake amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$2 million in funding for the “Fort Mason Center Pier 2 Project” and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount; **Pages H8152–53**

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$300,000 in funding for “Whitworth University Stem Equipment” and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount; **Pages H8153–55**

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$1.6 million in funding for “The Boston Architectural College’s Urban Sustainable Initiative” and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount; **Pages H8155–56**

Hensarling amendment (No. 1 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$500,000 for the Energy Conservation and Efficiency Upgrade of HVAC project in New York and reduce the overall cost of the bill; **Pages H8156–57**

Hensarling amendment (No. 2 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$6.22 million for the Pier 36 removal project in California and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount; and **Pages H8157–58**

Hensarling amendment (No. 4 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–209) that seeks to strike \$500,000 for the Automated Remote Electric and Water Meters in South River project and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount. **Pages H8158–59**

H. Res. 645, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 539, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 538. **Pages H8114–15**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 645 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by voice vote. **Page H8107**

Discharge Petition: Representative Burton (IN) moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 460, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2194) to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran (Discharge Petition No. 4).

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Representatives Polis, Loretta Sanchez (CA), and Lamborn. **Page H8160**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8106–07, H8114, H8114–15, H8115, H8116, H8116–17, H8143–44, H8144, H8145, H8145–46 and H8146–47. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ADDRESSING WMD THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Addressing a New Generation of Threats from Weapons of Mass Destruction: Department of Energy Non-proliferation Programs and the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Michael L. Nacht, Assistant Secretary, Global Strategic Affairs, Office of the Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

JUNIOR OFFICER PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Beyond Service Core Competency: Are Our Junior Officers Prepared for Today's Security Environment? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Dana H. Born, USAF, Dean of the Faculty, U.S. Air Force Academy; BG Patrick Finnegan, USA, Dean of the Academic Board, U.S. Military Academy; CPT Matthew L. Klunder, USN, Commandant of Midshipmen, U.S. Naval Academy; and COL Brian D. Beaudreault, USMC, Director, U.S. Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School.

AMERICA'S AFFORDABLE HEALTH CHOICES ACT OF 2009

Committee on Education and Labor: Began mark up of H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009.

Will continue tomorrow.

FINANCING REGULATION/ RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Banking Industry Perspectives on the Obama Administration's Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL/STATE ASSISTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings entitled "Legislative Options for Preserving Federally- and State-Assisted Affordable Housing and Preventing Displacement of Low-Income, Elderly and Disabled Tenants." Testimony was heard from Tammye Trevino, Administrator, Rural Housing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

GENERAL AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "General Aviation Security: Assessing Risks and the Road Ahead." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Carlton Mann, Assistant Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, Transportation Security Administration; and Charles Gallaway, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; and public witnesses.

ELECTION STANDARDS—EXAMINING UNIFORMITY

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing on Examining Uniformity in Election Standards. Testimony was heard from Mary Herrera, Secretary of State, New Mexico; Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State, Kansas; and public witnesses.

YOUTH PRISON REDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1064, Youth Prison Reduction Through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support and Education Act. Testimony was heard from Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County, Monterey Park, California; and public witnesses.

TRIBAL MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2678, Duwamish Tribal Recognition Act; H.R. 1358, Burt Lake of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Reaffirmation Act; H.R. 3084, Chinook Nation Restoration Act; and H.R. 3120, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians Restoration Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives McDermott, Stupak, Baird and Rehberg; George Skibine, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Economic Development, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2569, To authorize surface transportation research, development, and technology transfer activities.

SMALL BUSINESS TAX STIMULUS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Economic Recovery: Tax Stimulus Items that Benefitted Small Business with a Look Ahead." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GSA'S NATIONAL BROKER CONTRACTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Evaluating GSA's First Experience with National Broker Contracts. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; the following officials of the GSA: Regina O'Brien, Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General; and Samuel Morris, III, Assistant Commissioner—Office of Real Estate Acquisition, Public Building Service; and public witnesses.

CLEAN WATER TRUST FUND

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Opportunities and Challenges in the Creation of a Clean Water Trust Fund. Testimony was heard from Representative Blumenauer; Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Robert M. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Environment, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2770, amended, Veterans Non-profit Research and Education Corporations Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1293, Disabled Veterans Home Improvement and Structural Alteration Grant

Increase Act of 2009; H.R. 3155, amended, Care-giver Assistance and Resources Enhancement Act; and H.R. 3219, Veterans' Insurance and Health Care Improvements Act of 2009.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing to examine the START Treaty follow-on agreement, 9 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine how to prevent home foreclosures, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the long-term budget outlook, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance, to hold hearings to examine competition in the health care marketplace, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine moving toward a clean energy economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine instability, terrorism, and economic disruption in relation to oil, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne Elizabeth Derse, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Donald Sternoff Beyer, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Howard W. Gutman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and David H. Thorne, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, to hold hearings to examine the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christine

M. Griffin, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management, and Stuart Gordon Nash, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine contracting for Alaska native corporations, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, 9:30 p.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to continue mark-up of an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 2010 for the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the impact of the Iran crisis on its OSCE neighbors, 2 p.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review current issues in food safety, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, to mark up fiscal year 2010 appropriations, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Prosecuting Law of War Violations: Reforming the Military Commissions Act of 2006, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on Managing Serviced Contracts: What Works and What Doesn't? 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, oversight hearing for the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch Systems (EMALS), 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Budgeting for Nuclear Waste Management, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, to continue to mark up H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up H.R. 3200, America's Affordable Health Care Choices Act of 2009, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Community and Consumer Advocates' Perspectives on the Obama Administration's Financial Regulatory Reform Proposals," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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